

Frankford Arsenal, Building 251
Northeast corner of Hagner Road and Walbach Street
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Location: Northeast corner of Hagner Road and Walbach Street
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Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1918

Significance: Constructed as a storehouse, Building 251 is associated with the large-scale expansion of Frankford Arsenal that resulted from the United States' entry into World War I.

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HISTORY

Building 251 was erected as a storehouse in 1918. The building originally had no first story windows and two tiers of steel industrial sash above. The lower tier were removed and the openings infilled with brick sometime between 1922 and 1940. The building always served as a storehouse.

DESCRIPTION

Building 251 is a steel frame building with brick curtain walls and a concrete foundation. It measures approximately 49 feet by 223 feet, and has a gabled, composition roof with a full-length monitor. The monitor has a gabled, composition roof. Its side walls are almost totally glazed, with multiple-light steel sash. The facades are articulated by shallow pilasters and simple brick corbeling at the top of the window bays. First-story windows have concrete sills and lintels with tripartite six-over-six sash. Second-story windows have concrete sills, brick soldier-course lintels, and multiple-light steel industrial sash. Several bays include rolling or sliding doors. The interior is divided into two large open spaces, with exposed steel Fink roof trusses. A mezzanine is located in the southwest corner of the building.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal" (West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, 1979).

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